

HOPKINTON SUPPLY COMPANY
BUILDING
(Framingham Motor Parts)
26-28 Main Street, at the
corner of Wolcott Street
Hopkinton
Middlesex County
Massachusetts

HABS NO. MA-1227

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN OR VICINITY Hopkinton
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) HOPKINTON SUPPLY COMPANY BUILDING		HABS NO. MA-1227
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Framingham Motor Parts		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 26-28 Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1906 (on building parapet)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) George L. Mesker Company	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Example of "mail order" commercial architecture and the changing building technology of the late 19th & early 20th centuries; exemplifying turn-of-the-century manufacturing capabilities in modular construction, standardization of design elements, imitation*		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) turn-of the-century commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) galvanized pressed metal (to resemble rock-faced stone), with decorative pressed metal architectural elements, fieldstone and brick foundation.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rhomboidal plan with flat roof, one story; rear shed addition.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Plate glass windows with transom flanking entrance, decoratively pressed metal pilasters, entablature, brackets and cornice displaying the distinctive "Morning Glory" pattern of the Mesker Co., roofline with central parapet with name panel flanked with fan pattern.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Side walls feature a cross-bead, pressed metal wainscoting with a rosette pattern above, and metal ceiling also of pressed metal with a rosette design and metal crown moldings.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1982 rehabilitation/restoration of the original features included the replacement of the modern doorway with a reproduction of the original including door, transom & hardware; repair of the cornice with the replacement of missing elements; awnings added.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition; used as an automotive parts store.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE building materials and centralized manufacture, sales & distribution. The building is one of the few intact remaining examples of mail order commercial storefronts manufactured by the George L. Mesker Co. of Evansville, Indiana.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register nomination, prepared by Wendy Frontiero & Mark Shiff, Massachusetts Historical Commission, October 1982.		
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